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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR POTABIE WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and Asian Development Bank have sanctioned any financial assistance for drinking water supply projects in urban and rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State/U.T.- wise;

(c) whether these funds/assistance have been fully utilized;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any mechanism to monitor utilization of such assistance and the progress of the projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance (Shri Pawan Kumar BansaL)

(a) to (b) Yes Sir. The details of the projects sanctioned with assistance from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for drinking water supply projects in urban and rural areas of the country during the last three years are at Annexure.

(c) to (f) Utilization of the sanctioned foreign assistance for any project is a continuous process spread over its implementation period. As a result, there would be some unutilized amount at any point of time; these amounts will be utilized as the project Implementation progresses. Some of the steps taken by the Government to improve aid utilization are ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects in the budgets of State and Central Government, streamlining of procurement procedures, disintermediation of the flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Undertakings, strengthening of Project Monitoring Units in some States and Central Ministries, appointment of Nodal Officers for the States and regular review of projects etc.